

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2024



Our morning maths begins at 8:45 each day. The children will complete ten questions involving addition, subtraction and multiplication that are designed to develop arithmetic and mathematical fluency skills.

Our Maths lessons this term begin with a focus on revisiting place value - thinking about how many tens and ones make up a number. This will be followed by a unit on addition and subtraction. Our final focus this term will be recognising and classifying shapes.



We hope you have had a wonderful summer!

Your year 2 team are:

Class 5: Mrs O'Key, Miss Howard

Class 6: Miss Meyer, Miss Wright,
Mrs Thomas

Reminders

PE days:

Class 5 & 6: Wednesday and
Friday

Full school PE kit to be worn on
both of these days.



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Beginnings: We will be focussing on the Creation story and on new beginnings we might encounter.
Signs and Symbols: We will be looking at different signs and symbols we see around the Church and developing our understanding of what happens during a Baptism and why certain objects are important.



Reading sessions will build upon the phonetic knowledge gained in Year 1 and will focus on developing fluency and accuracy when reading. The children will also develop skills of comprehension by exploring texts for meaning. This will be further supported through our daily 'I Am A Clever Writer' lessons which teach the skills of writing through a variety of engaging texts. The children will seek to embed their knowledge of different writing concepts such as openers and conjunctions. Modelled and shared writing lessons will lead to the children planning, drafting, editing and improving their writing during Friday's Star Write.

Our first focus is Animals: Life cycles and health. The children will learn about different life cycles as well as personal hygiene and exercise. The next topic is *Everyday Materials*, and we will look at how materials change.



Humanities



In History, we will be learning how schools were different in the past. The children will develop their understanding of timelines and then make comparisons between the past and present. In Geography, we will be learning about the differences between hot and cold climates as well as investigating the weather and how this affects the climate of a place.

Creative Learning



In Art, we will be using drawing techniques to tell a story. The children will learn how to draw words through marks and develop their sketching skills. In DT, the children will be learning about food groups before making their own wraps.

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PSHE

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Our themes during PSHE lessons will focus upon relationships with ourselves and others. The children will also explore and celebrate the importance of valuing the differences in everyone.

Year 2 Home Learning Projects: Local Life

Please focus on one Learning Project each week and bring them in to school as soon as you complete them.
All projects need to be in school by Monday 11th November.

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| <p>Create a piece of art based on a hot or cold place.</p> | <p>Write a diary entry based on a day you have experienced.</p> | <p>Make a list of different objects and write the materials they are made from.</p> |
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| <p>Design your own school or classroom. Will you focus past or present features?</p> | <p>Create your own healthy dinner plate. Are you able to include all of the food groups?</p> | <p><u>WILD CARD:</u> Use your imagination and surprise us!</p> |

Ways to Help Your Child at Home

Reading

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that reading experiences are positive. Reading to your child, sharing books with and listening to your child read with lots of encouragement and praise are so valuable.

All children will bring home a reading book each week. If your child is following our Little Wandle Phonics programme they will bring home a fully decodable Big Cat book. If your child has successfully completed the programme they will be reading books from our Oxford Reading Tree scheme before moving to our selection of Free Readers. All children will also bring home a free choice book from our School Library to share and read with your help.

To be like Jesus



Jesus gave us a new commandment when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) This mission statement is at the heart of our school community and on a daily basis, we ask Jesus to direct our thoughts, our words and our actions. Our Lady, the Mother of Jesus, is our patron, who enlightens guides and comforts us on our journey of faith to become more and more like her son, Jesus, with every passing day. This term, we are inspired by Saint John Henry Newman encouraging us to become more and more like Jesus every day.

Dear Jesus,

Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through me, and be so in me that every person I meet may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus! Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, to shine as a light to others; let me praise you in the way you love best by shining on those around me. Amen

